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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): Masashi MORIKAMI

For: VARIABLE RESISTOR

☐ Applicant(s) claim(s) benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States provisional application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

## Enclosed are:

28 Pages of Specification

9 Sheet(s) of drawings (☐ formal ☒ informal)☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney ☐ Will follow.☐ Form PTO-1595 and an Assignment of the invention to Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. of 26-10 Tenjin 2-chome, Nagaokakyo-shi, Kyoto-fu 617-8555, JAPAN ☐ Will follow☐ A certified copy of Japanese Patent Appln. No. 11-316788 filed on November 8, 1999, from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to Rule 55b and 35 U.S.C. 119.☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.☐ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449, and 2 cited reference(s).☐ Change of Correspondence Address☐ Preliminary Amendment☒ General authorization/request to Petition for Extensions of Time☒ Return Postcard

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Respectfully submitted,

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